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SUBJECT: SUGAR AND GSP

REF: A) SAN SALVADOR 3939; B) MANAGUA 3436

1. IN REPLY TO RECENT INQUIRIES ON SUGAR IN THE GSP
PROGRAM, BOTH EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA EXCEEDED THE
COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATION OF 29.9 MILLION DOLLARS
IN 1976. IN THAT YEAR, EL SALVADOR SHIPPED 36 MILLION
DOLLARS, AND NICARAGUA 43 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SUGAR
TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS MADE BOTH COUNTRIES
INELIGIBLE FOR GSP IN 1977.

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2. IN EARLY 1978, NINE COUNTRIES BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR
REDESIGNATION TO THE GSP LIST AS A RESULT OF LOWER
1977 EXPORTS. IN ADDITION TO NICARAGUA AND EL SALVADOR,
THEY INCLUDED THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, COLOMBIA, GUYANA,
JAMAICA, PANAMA, THAILAND AND INDIA. HOWEVER, SUGAR
WAS A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE U.S. DOMESTIC ISSUE AT

THAT TIME. ON THE GROUNDS THAT REDESIGNATION COULD UNDERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NEWLY CREATED U.S. DOMESTIC SUGAR PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM, IT WAS DECIDED

THAT NONE OF THESE COUNTRIES SHOULD BE REDESIGNATED FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 1978 TO MARCH 1, 1979.

3. THE QUESTION OF REDESIGNATION WILL BE ADDRESSED AGAIN IN EARLY 1979 WHEN THE 1978 U.S. IMPORT FIGURES BECOME AVAILABLE.

4. FOR SAN SALVADOR: REPORTS THAT NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER BRZEZINSKI SUPPORTS DELAYING RATIFICATION OF ISA AS A MEANS TO PRESSURE CUBA ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION. THE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY TO RATIFICATION OF ISA AND THAT PRIORITY IS REFLECTED THROUGHOUT THE ADMINISTRATION.

5. A SEPARATE REPORT ON STATUS OF U.S. RATIFICATION AND DOMESTIC LEGISLATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING. CHRISTOPHER

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